

Remarks

The restriction requirement does not clearly identify the patentably distinct inventions that are present in the claims. " The examiner must provide a clear and detailed record of the restriction requirement to provide a clear demarcation between restricted inventions." MPEP 814 Furthermore, the Office's proposed new rules will limit filing of divisional applications to "only claims directed to an invention or inventions that were identified in such requirement of unity of invention or for restriction but were not elected for examination." Thus, to preserve the right to file divisional applications claiming priority to the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the Office provide a clear and detailed record of each patentably distinct invention so that there is no ambiguity as to how many divisional applications Applicants are entitled to. Applicants are unable to properly respond until this is done.

Therefore, Applicants request removal of the restriction or further clarification as explained above.

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Respectfully submitted,

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